

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3107
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SCHOLARSHIPS TO TRIBAL STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to ensure the advance payment of scholarship to the tribal students so as to meet their educational expenses;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the proposed mode of implementation;
- (c) Whether the Government proposed to seek the opinion from the States for formulating guidelines for Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana; and
- (d) If so, the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

- (a) & (b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs transfers funds to the State Governments/UT Administrations for payment of scholarship to the tribal students. These funds are sanctioned on the basis of proposals submitted by the State Governments/UT Administrations on the basis of their assessments.
- (c) & (d): The Government has held consultations with all the stakeholders of Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana, including the State Governments. Project Appraisal Committee constituted in the Ministry has state representative considers all proposals of a state and allocates resources optimally keeping in view resources available through Central Sector Schemes, Centrally Sponsored Schemes, etc. for desired outcomes. This consultative process integrates national priorities with state priorities. This process is in conformity with Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana.